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STATE RECOMMENDATION CHROMIUM 6 MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL

Recently, the State Department of Public Health announced it has submitted a final regulation setting a limit of 10 parts per billion in public drinking water supplies. Scheduled to take effect July 1, the Department of Public Health's proposed standard for Chromium 6 in public water supplies is 10 parts per billion -- 500 times greater than California EPA's goal of .02 parts per billion.

While the State contends it is taking into consideration economic and technical feasibility as required by law, it failed to outline what those considerations are.

Given the significant disparity between the State's goal and the recommended final regulation, the public deserves full disclosure on the specific technical and economic factors that were considered in making this decision. Especially in light of the long term impact on the safety of public water supplies.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Office to send a five signature letter to the State Director of Public Health urging him to reconsider the State's chromium 6 recommendation and to provide full disclosure to the public of the cost analysis and existing and new technologies that were considered in this process.

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